

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application. The ex parte Quayle Office Action of March 9, 2005 includes an objection to the abstract, noting that the abstract should be on a separate sheet and within the range of 50 to 150 words. Applicants submit herewith a new Abstract. Applicants submit that the new Abstract conforms to the language and format requirements expressed on page 2 of the Office Action.

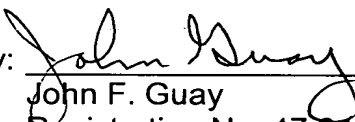
The Action also includes an objection to claims 7, 12, 15, and 17 for including minor informalities. In response, Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggested corrections with respect to claims 7, 12 and 15 and have amended claim 17 to explicitly state the language for elements recited in claim 15, from which claim 17 depends. Additionally, similar minor changes have been made to claims 1, 3, 13, 14 and 18 to improve readability. In light of these changes, Applicants respectfully submit that they have overcome the Examiner's concerns.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application. Should any residual issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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